Rehabilitation and Resettlement policy for irrigation projects

*139. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any National Rehabilitation and Resettlement Policy for the irrigation projects, which take away people's land, livelihood and rights;

(b) if so, the details of the irrigation projects in which the above policy has been applied during the last three years, year-wise, State-wise, category-wise; and

(c) if not, whether steps will be initiated for a Rehabilitation and Resettlement Policy for the irrigation projects?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI): (a) and (b) There is no National Rehabilitation and Resettlement Policy for the irrigation projects. However, since water is a State subject, all water resources projects including irrigation projects are planned and executed by the State Governments themselves. As such, various State Governments are undertaking resettlement and rehabilitation of persons affected/displaced by irrigation projects according to the State-wise/project-wise resettlement and rehabilitation policies/executive orders. A list of State-wise/ Project-wise resettlement and rehabilitation policies/Government orders adopted by various State Governments from time to time is given in the Statement (*See* below).

(c) The Ministry of Rural Development is in the process of finalizing a draft Legislation on Resettlement and Rehabilitation of Project Affected Persons/Families for Projects displacing 1000 or more families which *inter-alia* includes resettlement and rehabilitation of persons/families adversely affected or displaced by irrigation projects.

Statement

State-wise/Project-wise R&R Policies/Government Orders adopted by various State Governments

Andhra Pradesh

(i) Rehabilitation of displaced families on account of construction of irrigation and power projects (G.O.M.S. No. 59 dated 19.3.1980 and G.O.M.S. No. 460 dated 27.12.1983).

Bihar

(i) No. 17/Land Misc. 10.7/86/3915 dated 31.8.88. Determination of Special Criteria and procedures for land acquisition and rehabilitation of displaced persons consequent upon execution of large and medium projects.

(ii) No. 17/PUS-37/88-545 dated 11/12/90. Revised rehabilitation policy for the oustees of the Subernarekha Multipurpose Project.

Gujarat

(i) Resolutions/Circulars/Orders/Memoranda issued by the Government of Gujarat on Rehabilitation of displaced persons of Irrigation Projects.

(ii) Compilation of Government Resolutions for Rehabilitation and Resettlement Policy for oustees of Sardar Sarovar Project (December, 1987).

(iii) Policy decided by Government of Gujarat for oustees of Damanganga Project, Gujarat.

(iv) Final Order and decision of Narmada Water Disputes Tribunal.

Goa

(i) Individual amenities as well as common facilities for Salauli & Anjunem Project, Goa.

Himachal Pradesh

(i) The Resettlement and Rehabilitation of Bhakra Dam Oustees (Grant of Land Scheme 1971).

(ii) Scheme for Rehabilitation and Resettlement of Beas Satluj Link and UHL Project oustees of Mandi District.

(iii) The Resettlement and Rehabilitation of oustees of Chamera Hydro Electricity Project (Grant of Land Scheme 1992).

(iv) R&R Policy in respect of Ranjit Sagar Dam.

Jammu and Kashmir

(i) R&R Policy in respect of Ranjit Sagar Dam.

Karnataka

(i) The Karnataka resettlement of Project Displaced Persons Act, 1987.

(ii) Rehabilitation of persons affected by Reservoirs of Irrigation and Power Projects G.O.P.W.D. 282 PPC 1985, Bangalore.

(iii) Proceedings of the Govt. of Karnataka-Upper Krishna Project—Opening of Joint Account in the names of the Rehabilitation Officer and Projects affected family under category I and IV for the amount payable as Ex-gratia.

(iv) Upper Krishna Project Stage—I Phases I & II Treating major sons of landless families for the purpose of R&R measures.

(v) Policies for rehabilitation & resettlement of project affected families of Upper Krishna Project—II Phase Irrigation Project with World Bank Assistances—Modernisation.

Madhya Pradesh

(i) Policy for Rehabilitation of Displaced Persons for Narmada Projects dated September, 1989.

(ii) Rehabilitation policies of oustees of Armada Project amended up to August, 1992.

(iii) R & R Plan of Ujjaini Project.

Maharashtra

(i) Maharashtra Projects Affected Persons Rehabilitation Act, 1996.

Orissa

(i) Circulars and Orders on rehibilitation policy for major and medium irrigation projects of the State.